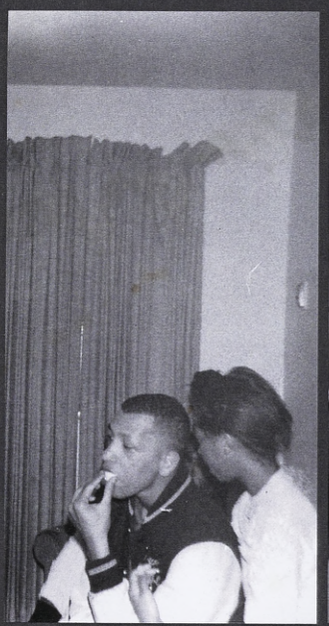
Celebrating the Life Of Myrna Lynn Harris

SUNRISE May 8, 1948

SUNSET February 18, 2015

Services:
February 28, 2015 at 11 AM
Officiating: Pastor Tyron Carter, Jr.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
831 South 43rd Street
Richmond, CA 94804



A Glimpse of Her Life

Myrna Lynn Ingram was born to the proud parents of NT and Mary Ingram, on May 8, 1948. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was the 9th of 10 children to this union. She was a good student within the Richmond Unified School District graduating from El Cerrito Senior High School.

Myrna Lynn married her high school sweetheart, Freddie Lee Harris. Three daughters came to life through this union: Fredda Lynn, Felicia Monique, and Maryhelen Nicole Tanae Harris. Many years later, she married Herbert A. Brown, Sr. and from this union came another daughter, Sheree Breann Harris-Brown.

Myrna was a champion of education who was born with an entrepreneurial spirit. She received her Associates Degree from Laney College. She founded several successful businesses. You may have heard of one or more of them: Nikki's Nursery, Harris Tax Service, and the Watermelon Woman. There is a strong chance that she has cared for your children, prepared your taxes, and/or sold you a watermelon or two—or three, at some time in your life. She was a strong, vibrant, independent, faithful woman, mother, daughter, sister, auntie, and friend who was all fight and no quit. She was affectionately called many names by those who loved her: Mommy, Granny, Auntie Myrna, Mama Myrn, Myrna, Myrna Lynn, Sis Harris, Sis Brown, and the Watermelon Woman.

People of all ages loved to come to her home to laugh, talk, and enjoy life with her. Children especially, because they knew there were a lot of fun times to come—as long as they did not deserve some of that old school swift discipline. She loved children. She loved people. If you were lucky enough she taught you how to "air it out"! She loved the Lord. She loved life and traveling. She loved down home blues and high heeled shoes. She loved to shop and go to concerts with her family and friends. And we cannot forget about how much she loved her pug, Bootsie.

Myrna lived a faithful blessed life. As a Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church member, she loved Naomi Circle and served on the Youth and Senior Usher Board. She lived life on her terms and she did it her way from the beginning to the end.

She went home to her Father's house to be whole again and meet her father, NT, her love, Freddie Lee, and her sisters: Margaret, Jewel, Thelma Jean, and her brother, T. Bow. She left her mother Mary Ingram; daughters Fredda Randle, Felicia Williams, Nicole (Karriem) Blake, and Sheree Harris-Brown; granddaughters Camryn and Kimiko Williams, Chaya and Ashanti Randle, Loyal and Avery Blake; grandson Domonique Williams, Jr.; brother George (Bertha) Young; sisters Nora (Carl Metoyer, Sr.), Betty (Charles) Specht, Sr., Gloria Ingram, and Joyce Moore, and a host of nieces and nephews to cherish her life and memory.

She will be missed by the Ingram Family, Harris family, and Griffin Family, God-mother Ruby, God-daughter, Carrietta, and God-son, Tyron, Jr., the Ruffin family, the rest of the 49th street family, and the St. John Missionary Baptist Church family. If your name was not written it is not because you are not loved but because she loved so many.

Psalms 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield;

My heart trusted in Him and I am helped: therefore

My heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song I will praise him.

Myrna Lynn Harris

Order of Celebration

Prelude	
Processional	Rev. Eric Morris
Scriptures	Pastor Mustafa Muhyee
Prayer	Rev. Julius Van Hook

Musical Selection

A Glimpse of her life...	Sis. Vanessa Harper
Acknowledgements, cards, resolutions	LaTosha Flowers, MD

Expressions (Selected by the family)

Musical Selection	
Words of Comfort	Rev. Tyron Carter, Jr.
Parting View	Rose Manor Funeral Staff
Recessional	

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Dr.
Richmond, California

Repast

Richmond Moose Lodge
13233 San Pablo Avenue
Richmond, California

I Love and Miss You

They say memories are golden
Well maybe this is true
I never wanted memories I only wanted you.
A million times I needed you.
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still
In my heart you hold a place,
No one could ever fill.

From your loving daughters,

Fredda, Felicia, Nicole, and Sheree

Active Pallbearers

Gerald Ferrell
Maurice Brown
Charles Specht, Jr
Domonique Williams, Jr.
James Edwards Smallwood
David McGee, III

Honorary Pallbearers

George Young, Sr.
Carl B. Metoyer, Sr.
Charles Specht, Sr.
Kenny Harris
Karriem Blake
George Young, Jr.
Carl B. Metoyer, Jr.
Greg Tease
Garland Harris, Jr.
Herbert Brown, Jr.
David McGee, Jr.
Christopher Metoyer
Kai Tease
DeAndre Rowden
Wayne Davis

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It is with sincere appreciation that we give thanks to God for all of our family in Christ for your prayers, telephone calls, cards and all kindness expressed to keep us in your prayers, telephones calls, cards and all kindness expressed in this time of need are appreciated. Please remember to keep us in your prayers.

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NT Ingram
Margaret Ingram
Myrna Ingram
Jewel Ingram